

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE GUIDE
FOR YOUR
STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION**

OPERATOR: _____ DATE: _____

TAX MAP KEY OF PRACTICE LOCATION: _____

NRCS OFFICE: _____ PHONE: _____

A properly operated and maintained streambank is an asset to your farm. This streambank or shoreline protection is designed and installed to stabilize an eroding area. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 10 years. The life of this installation can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

Here are recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

OPERATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- All settlement or cracks in the soil should be investigated to determine the cause and immediately repaired.
- Control livestock access on unfenced areas.

MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- Check all rock riprap sections for accelerated weathering and displacement. Replace to original grades if necessary.
- Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilization, and controlled application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing may also be needed to control height.
- If fences are installed, they shall be maintained to prevent unauthorized human or livestock entry.
- Remove debris that may accumulate at this section, and immediately upstream or downstream from this installation.
- Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage.

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ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS
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